

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

receive from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective input of a set of parcel specifications for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network;

in response to each respective input, apply a set of carrier-specific shipping location type rules for each carrier of a plurality of carriers to a respective default shipping location postal code and a corresponding default shipping location type associated with the respective user and to the set of parcel specifications input by the respective user, said corresponding default shipping location type comprising an indication of a type of location from which the respective user would ship a parcel;

for each carrier of the plurality of carriers, determine whether the carrier would support shipping of the particular parcel according to the respective set of shipping location rules for the carrier as applied to the parcel specifications for the particular parcel and the respective default shipping location postal code and the corresponding default shipping location type associated with the respective user; and

generate a simultaneous online display of a plurality of delivery services for each carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping of the particular parcel from the respective default shipping location postal code and the corresponding default shipping location type.

2. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

in response to a request by any particular respective user of a plurality of users to ship a particular respective parcel, identify each carrier of a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the particular respective parcel from a respective user-specific default shipping location postal code and a corresponding default shipping location type that are associated with the particular respective user, said corresponding default shipping location type comprising: an indication of a shipping center to which the particular respective user would take a parcel to be shipped, an indication of a drop box into which the particular respective user would place a parcel to be shipped, a carrier counter to which the particular respective user would take a parcel to be shipped, an indication that parcels to be shipped would be available for pickup according to a scheduled pickup, or an indication that the user would call for pickup from an address associated with the particular respective user, wherein each carrier of a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the particular respective parcel from the respective user-specific default shipping location postal code and the corresponding default shipping location type is identified according to a respective set of shipping location rules for the carrier as applied to the respective default shipping location postal code and the corresponding default shipping location type associated with the respective user, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

generate a simultaneous online display comprising an identification of a plurality of delivery services for each carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping of the particular respective parcel from the respective user-specific default shipping location postal code and the corresponding default shipping location type.

3. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said

shipping management computer system is programmed to:

collect as a respective default shipping location for a respective particular user of a plurality of users, a user input from the respective particular user of a respective identification of a default shipping location postal code and a corresponding default shipping location type from which respective parcels would be shipped by the respective particular user, said corresponding default shipping location type comprising: an indication of a call for pickup from an address associated with the respective particular user, an indication that parcels would be available for pickup according to a scheduled pickup, or an indication of a type of location separate from the address associated with the respective particular user to which the respective particular user would take a parcel to be shipped, wherein each respective particular user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective client computer device, and wherein each respective [[]]user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network;

store in a database a respective record corresponding to each respective particular user, each said respective record comprising an identifier for the respective particular user, and further comprising the respective identification of the default shipping location postal code and the corresponding default shipping location type for the respective particular user;

for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers, determine whether the respective carrier would support shipping of a particular parcel according to a respective set of shipping location rules for the respective carrier as applied to the respective default shipping location postal code and the corresponding default shipping location type input by the respective particular user; and

generate a simultaneous online display identifying a plurality of delivery services for each respective carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping of the particular parcel from the respective default shipping location postal code and the corresponding default shipping location type.

4. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of claim 3, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

collect as parcel specifications for the particular parcel, user input from the respective particular user, wherein the parcel specifications comprise at least one of: a package type, a set of package dimensions, or a package weight of the particular parcel.

5. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of claim 4, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

apply a respective set of shipping location rules for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers to the respective default shipping location postal code and the corresponding default shipping location type and the parcel specifications, input by the respective particular user.

6. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of claim 5, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

for each respective carrier of the plurality of carriers, determine whether the respective carrier would support shipping of the particular parcel according to the respective set of shipping location rules for the respective carrier as applied to the parcel specifications for the particular parcel and the respective default shipping location postal code and the corresponding default shipping location type input by the respective particular user.

7. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of claim 6, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

calculate a respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of the plurality of carriers, said respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate calculated according to the respective set of shipping location rules for each respective carrier, and according to a respective set of pricing rules for each respective service offered by each respective carrier as applied to the parcel specifications for the particular parcel and the respective default shipping location postal code and the corresponding default shipping location type.

8. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one carrier of a plurality of carriers, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

receiving from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective input of a set of parcel specifications for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network;

in response to each respective input, applying a set of carrier-specific shipping location rules for each carrier of a plurality of carriers to a respective default shipping location postal code and a corresponding default shipping location type associated with the respective user and to the set of parcel specifications input by the respective user, said corresponding default shipping location type comprising: an indication of a type of location to which the respective user would take a parcel to be shipped, or an indication that the respective user would call for pickup from an address associated with the respective user, or an indication that a parcel could be picked up from an address associated with the respective user according to a scheduled pickup;

for each carrier of the plurality of carriers, determining whether the carrier would support shipping of the particular parcel according to the respective set of shipping location rules for the carrier as applied to the parcel specifications for the particular parcel and the respective default shipping location postal code and the corresponding default shipping location type associated with the respective user; and

generating a simultaneous online display of a plurality of delivery services for each carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping of the particular parcel from the respective default shipping location postal code and the corresponding default shipping location type.

9. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one carrier of a plurality of carriers, wherein said

computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

in response to a request by any particular respective user of a plurality of users to ship a particular respective parcel, identifying each carrier of a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the particular respective parcel from a respective user-specific shipping location, said respective user-specific shipping location comprising: a respective user-specific default shipping location postal code and a corresponding default shipping location type that are associated with the particular respective user, or, if input by the particular respective user, an alternative shipping location postal code and corresponding alternative shipping location type, wherein each carrier of a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the particular respective parcel from the respective user-specific default-shipping location postal code and the corresponding default shipping location type is identified according to a respective set of shipping location rules for the carrier as applied to the respective ~~default~~ user-specific shipping location postal code and the corresponding default shipping location type associated with the respective user, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

generating a simultaneous online display comprising an identification of a plurality of delivery services for each carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping of the particular respective parcel from the respective user-specific default shipping location postal code and the corresponding default shipping location type.

10. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one carrier of a plurality of carriers, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

collecting as a respective default shipping location for a respective particular user of a plurality of users, a user input from the respective particular user, said respective default shipping location input by the user comprising a respective identification of a default shipping location postal code and a corresponding default shipping location type from which respective parcels would be shipped by the respective particular user,

wherein each respective particular user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective client computer device, and wherein each respective[[]] user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network;

storing in a database a respective record corresponding to each respective particular user, each said respective record comprising an identifier for the respective particular user, and further comprising the respective default shipping location for the respective particular user;

for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers, determining whether the respective carrier would support shipping of a particular parcel according to a respective set of shipping location rules for the respective carrier as applied to the respective default shipping location input by the respective particular user; and

generating a simultaneous online display identifying a plurality of delivery services for each respective carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping of the particular parcel from the respective default shipping location.

Claims 11-14 Cancelled.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one carrier of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for receiving from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective input of a set of parcel specifications for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network;

a set of program instructions for applying, in response to each respective input, a set of carrier-specific shipping location rules for each carrier of a plurality of carriers to a respective default shipping location associated with the respective user and to the set of

parcel specifications input by the respective user, said respective default shipping location comprising a shipping location postal code and a corresponding shipping location type, said respective shipping location comprising a respective default shipping location associated with the respective user, or if input by the respective user, a parcel-specific shipping location for shipping the respective particular parcel;

a set of program instructions for determining, for each carrier of the plurality of carriers, whether the carrier would support shipping of the particular parcel according to the respective set of shipping location rules for the carrier as applied to the parcel specifications for the particular parcel and the respective default shipping location associated with the respective user; and

a set of program instructions for generating a simultaneous online display of a plurality of delivery services for each carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping of the particular parcel from the respective default shipping location.

16. (Previously Presented) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one carrier of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for identifying, in response to a request by any particular respective user of a plurality of users to ship a particular respective parcel, each carrier of a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the particular respective parcel from a respective user-specific default shipping location that is associated with the particular respective user, said respective user-specific default shipping location comprising a shipping location postal code and a corresponding shipping location type, wherein each carrier of a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the particular respective parcel from the respective user-specific default shipping location is identified according a respective set of shipping location rules for the carrier as applied to the respective default shipping location associated with the respective user, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective client computer device, and wherein

each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

a set of program instructions for generating a simultaneous online display comprising an identification of a plurality of delivery services for each carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping of the particular respective parcel from the respective user-specific default shipping location.

17. (Previously Presented) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one carrier of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for collecting as a respective default shipping location for a respective particular user of a plurality of users, a user input from the respective particular user of a respective identification of a default shipping location from which respective parcels would be shipped by the respective particular user, said respective identification of a default shipping location comprising a shipping location postal code and a corresponding shipping location type, wherein each respective particular user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network;

a set of program instructions for storing in a database a respective record corresponding to each respective particular user, each said respective record comprising an identifier for the respective particular user, and further comprising the respective identification of the default shipping location for the respective particular user;

a set of program instructions for determining, for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers, whether the respective carrier would support shipping of a particular parcel according to a respective set of shipping location rules for the respective carrier as applied to the respective default shipping location input by the respective particular user; and

a set of program instructions for generating a simultaneous online display identifying a plurality of delivery services for each respective carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping of the particular parcel from the respective default shipping location.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of Claim 17, the computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for collecting as parcel specifications for the particular parcel, user input from the respective particular user, wherein the parcel specifications comprise at least one of: a package type, a set of package dimensions, or a package weight of the particular parcel.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of Claim 18, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for applying a respective set of shipping location rules for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers to the respective default shipping location and the parcel specifications, input by the respective particular user.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of Claim 19, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for determining, for each respective carrier of the plurality of carriers, whether the respective carrier would support shipping of the particular parcel according to the respective set of shipping location rules for the respective carrier as applied to the parcel specifications for the particular parcel and the respective default shipping location input by the respective particular user.

21. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of Claim 20, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for calculating a respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of the plurality of carriers, said

respective service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate calculated according to the respective set of shipping location rules for each respective carrier, and according to a respective set of pricing rules for each respective service offered by each respective carrier as applied to the parcel specifications for the particular parcel and the respective default shipping location.